

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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INSTRUMENT TO A TOOTH APICAL FORAMEN

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The applicants amend the claims and request an extension of time (one month). The applicants have filed an RCE and request reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks.

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